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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: KWAZULU CHIEF MINISTER GATSHA
BUTHELEZI REEMPHASIZED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE SAG'S PROPOSED
PASS LAWS (REF B) IN A RECENT SPEECH BEFORE THE KWAZULU ASSEMBLY
DURING DEBATE ON KWAZULU'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BANTU LAWS
AMENDMENT BILL NOW BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN CAPE TOWN. HE SAID
PASSAGE OF THE ACT WOULD REQUIRE HOMELANDS TO FORCE THEIR CITIZENS
TO BECOME ALIENS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND WOULD CAUSE ZULUS TO CONSIDER
IDENTIFYING WITH "OTHER FORCES". HE ADDED KWAZULU HAD NO HAND IN
DRAFTING THE BILL AND "WILL NOT ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS
COUNTRY SHOULD IT BECOME LAW".

2. BUTHELEZI'S STAND WAS ENDORSED BY A RESOLUTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY BY THE ASSEMBLY AND HIS VIEWS WERE ECHOED BY HIS
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CABINET MINISTERS AND SUPPORTERS IN THE ASSEMBLY. MR. DHLOMO,
MINISTER OF EDUCATION, WARNED PRETORIA THAT PASSAGE OF THE ACT
WOULD CASUE BUTHELEZI TO RECONSIDER HIS POSITION SUPPORTING
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN S.A. THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY BECAUSE
KWAZULU WOULD NOT PASS THE REQUIRED LEGISLATION AND ITS CITIZENS
WOULD, UNDER THE NEW ACT, BE PENALIZED AND PRECLUDED FROM
CERTAIN JOBS. THUS HE SAID, THE NEED FOR KWAZULU TO SUPPORT

FOREIGN INVESTMENT WOULD FALL AWAY. DHLOMO ADDED THAT IF THE ACT WAS PASSED AND ZULU WORKERS WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST "THE KWAZULU GOVERNMENT CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT OUR PEOPLE WILL ACT PEACEFULLY". DR. MADIDE, MINISTER OF HEALTH (WHO WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 5 ON AN IV GRANT) SAID THE BILL'S PURPOSE WAS CLEARLY TO PUSH KWAZULU INTO DE FACTO INDEPENDENCE, ALTHOUGH ITS PEOPLE DIDN'T SUPPORT IT.

3. FYI: THE SPECIFIC PORTION OF THE BILL WHICH HAS MOST ANGERED BUTHELEZI PERTAINS TO THE MODIFICATION OF THE PASS LAWS SYSTEM. THIS CHANGE WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER A MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1977 BETWEEN THE FORMER MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, M.C. BOTHA AND MOST HOMELAND LEADERS. BUTHELEZI REFUSED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND DISAVOWED THE RESULTS (REF A) WHICH HE CHARGED WOULD TRANSFER THE ONUS OF ISSUING PASSES AND CONTROLLING MOVEMENTS OF BLACKS ONTO THE HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS. THE NEW PASSES WERE TO BE CALLED "TRAVEL DOCUMENTS" AND WOULD BE ISSUED BY HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS TO ALL BLACKS OVER 16 LIVING IN OR WISHING TO ENTER WHITE AREAS TO WORK. THE DOCUMENTS WOULD STILL REQUIRE THE STAMP OF THE BANTU AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER TO BE VALID AND A BLACK COULD STILL BE ARRESTED IF HE FAILED TO PRODUCE A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, AS AN INDUCEMENT TO THE HOMELAND LEADERS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AND ISSUE THE NEW DOCUMENTS, PROVISION WAS MADE FOR "PREFERENCE" FOR OBTAINING JOBS AND HOUSING TO BE GIVEN TO HOLDERS OF THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OVER THOSE BLACKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHO DID NOT HAVE THE DOCUMENTS. AS ALL HOMELAND LEADERS EXCEPT BUTHELEZI HAVE SUPPORTED THE PLAN THIS MEANT, IN EFFECT, THAT ZULUS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY DISADVANTAGED IN RELATION TO OTHER URBAN BLACKS IN OBTAINING HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT. INKATHA LEADERS SAW THIS AS AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE URBAN ZULU SUPPORT FOR INKATHA AND TO ENCOURAGE THE URBAN AND MIGRANT-WORKER ZULUS TO PUT PRESSURE ON KWAZULU TO ACQUIESCE IN THE NEW PROPOSAL. END FYI. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LOW: COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT FROM THE SPEECHES IN THE KWAZULU ASSEMBLY THAT BUTHELEZI CONSIDERS THIS ISSUE A LITMUS TEST OF THE NEW MINISTER OF PLURAL AFFAIRS ATTITUDE TOWARD KWAZULU'S DETERMINATION NOT TO COOPERATE IN STEPS THAT WOULD LEAD TO INDEPENDENCE. THERE HAS BEEN AN AURA OF GOOD FEELING BETWEEN MINISTER MULDER AND BUTHELEZI SINCE MULDER ASSUMED HIS POSITION FROM M.C. BOTHA AND ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW DISPENSATION WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND FOR HOMELANDS WHICH REJECTED INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, THE BANTU LAWS AMENDMENT BILL IS A LEGACY FROM BOTHA WHICH MULDER APPARENTLY BELIEVES HE MUST PASS (REF B). IF HE PERSISTS IN FACE OF VOCAL OPPOSITION FROM ZULUS HE COULD WELL POISON THE CORDIAL PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP HE HAS SO FAR CAREFULLY NURTURED WITH BUTHELEZI.

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